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Betsy Howerton joined the Office of Legislative Counsel in 2002. She has served as the primary legal staff member to the Code Revision Commission, responsible for overseeing the annual update of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Ms. Howerton is the 2019 recipient of the Carter/Hellard Legislative Staff Award of the Southern Legislative Conference for excellence and dedication in staffing service.

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